

Quick Facts

ELK GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

- The Elk Grove CSD Parks Department is one of the most honored and respected park agencies in the state and has provided facilities that are the envy of the region.
- During the incorporation campaign, City leaders promised that the CSD would continue to provide park and recreation services for residents, and that there would be no costly duplication of services.
- The City's responsibility for parks is to support the CSD by adopting adequate land dedication and development fee requirements, not developing costly duplicate services.
- The City of Elk Grove is proposing to spend taxpayer dollars intended for other services, such as police and roads, to duplicate services that the Elk Grove CSD is already providing.
- The city has refused to discuss partnering for the good of the community, instead requesting complete ownership and control over park development. This is not a mutual partnership.

- The City has no expertise in the planning, building or maintenance of parks, while the CSD has been providing superior quality park, recreation, fire and emergency medical services to the residents of Elk Grove for 20 years.
- The CSD plans parks for neighborhood, community and regional use. Regional facilities including an aquatic park and sports fields may be lost without Laguna Ridge residents paying their fair share.
- If the CSD is forced to use other funds, a financial strain will be placed on fire and emergency services, currently among the best in the state.
- The City has no source of funding for park maintenance, so residents will have to pay additional taxes or assessments to maintain any parks the city develops.
- Even though a legal action is pending that will determine whether the City even has the legal authority to assume park development functions, the city council is already wasting nearly a quarter million dollars hiring consultants and creating a position to oversee open space, work that the CSD is already doing with existing tax dollars.